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Greetings.

I'm submitting my comments per the Tunney Act, regarding the U.S. governments settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust case.

I've been a computing professional for over ten years. Back in 1987, Microsoft profited from the sale of decent software (such as Microsoft Word), and consumers of that software generally benefited from Microsoft's existence and business.

Now, with Microsoft's plainly-apparent goal being to establish a monopoly over all computer-related areas of the economy, this is not the case. In many major categories, such as word processors, consumers have fewer practical choices of software now than they did 10 years ago, simply because Microsoft's dominance.

Further, Microsoft modifies their own products in order to force consumers to "upgrade" when such an upgrade does not benefit the consumer.

Microsoft is an entirely selfish corporation that is out of control, and the U.S. government is the only entity that can stop it.

Microsoft should be broken up in to separate distinct companies that are prohibited from collaborating.

-johan

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System Wrangler	\ the evil of the past seeps into
Tumbleweed Electron Wranglers, Inc.	\ the present, like salad dressing
johan@ewranglers.com	\ through cheap waxed paper."